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# *Knox Church*

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## *Golden Anniversary*

*October, 1933*

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ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 1933.  
MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 a.m.

*Prelude*—(a) *A Sunlit Morning* ..... Alec. Rowley  
(b) *In Memoriam* ..... Alec. Rowley  
*Doxology*—*Call to Worship. The Lord's Prayer* (congregation standing).

*Interval for ushering.*

*Psalm No. 21. Tune is St. Georges Edinburgh.*

*Interval for ushering.*

*Responsive Reading—Psalm No. 23.*

*Gloria Patri* ..... Langdon

*Scripture Reading—Selected*

*Anthem—"Fierce Was the Wild Billow"* ..... Noble Prayer.

*Announcements.*

*Offertory Organ Solo—"Simple Aveu"* ..... Thome

*Solo—"By the Waters of Babylon"* ..... Eville  
Mme. Mamie Gardiner.

*Hymn No. 773. Tune is Daniel. Members of the Junior Congregation will retire here.*

*Sermon—"The SUPREME MYSTICAL EXHORTATION"—Preached by the Rev. J. W. Clarke, M.C., Knox Church, Winnipeg.*

*Hymn No. 700. Tune is Aurelia.*

*Benediction.*

*Organ Postlude—"Sarabande"* ..... Handel

EVENING WORSHIP, 7:30 p.m.

*Organ Recital from 7 till 7:30 o'clock by Mr. Clifford Higgin, Organist and Choir Director.*

(a) *A Legend* ..... Guilmant

(b) *Peer Gynt Suite* ..... Greig

(c) *Storm Fantasy* ..... Vergolet

(d) *Prelude in D Flat* ..... Glazounoff

*Doxology and Invocation.*

*Interval for ushering.*

*Hymn No. 599. Tune is Salzburg.*

*Interval for ushering.*

*Scripture Reading—Selected.*

*Anthem—"By Babylon's Wave"* ..... Gounod

*Prayer—Ending with the Lord's Prayer* (chanted by the congregation).

*Announcements.*

*Offertory Organ Solo—"Angel's Serenade"* ..... Braga

*Solo—"It is Enough"(from Elijah)* ..... Mendelssohn  
Mr. George Boothman

*Hymn No. 600. Tune is Sandon.*

*Sermon—"POOR LITTLE RICH BOY"—Preached by the Rev. J. W. Clarke, M.C., Knox Church, Winnipeg.*

*Hymn No. 671. Tune is St. Clement.*

*Benediction.*

*Organ Postlude—"Andante"* ..... Gluck



## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The first Minister of Knox Church was Rev. Angus Robertson, who was inducted on May 24th, 1883, and immediately placed in charge of the Calgary field. He travelled by train to the end of the steel, thence by team to Calgary, which he reached on June 11th, 1883.

The following Sunday service was held in I. G. Baker & Company's store, situated on the west side of the Elbow River. For some time afterwards services were held in the Mounted Police Hospital. The congregation was organized in October, 1883, and was named "Knox," after a close contest between that name and "St. Andrews."

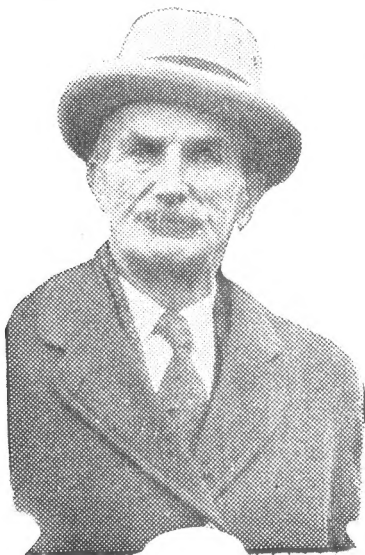
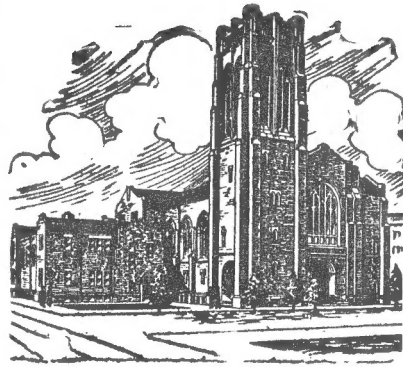
The first Knox Church was built in Calgary on a site east of the Elbow, fifty years ago. The man who supplied the lumber and supervised the building and financing of this church was none other than Colonel James Walker. Part of the lumber necessary could not be procured in Calgary, and Colonel Walker had some shipped from Winnipeg, giving his personal note in payment. The church was opened for worship absolutely free of all debt and built with the funds contributed by the members. Funds were available from the church and manse building fund at the Presbyterian Church headquarters in the East, but it was not necessary to accept outside capital.

This frame building, the first church is still in existence, and at the present moment is being used as a dwelling on sixth Avenue opposite the Lougheed building.

Colonel Walker also headed the Managing Board of the Church when the second Knox Church was built—a stone building.

the first of stone to be erected in Calgary and there being no stone masons in Calgary, Colonel Walker wrote to a friend of his in Winnipeg, who induced two stone masons to journey to Calgary to erect this stone church, and these same men subsequently built three other stone buildings before returning to Winnipeg.

When the third Knox Church was erected the present edifice, Colonel Walker was still attached to the congregation, and to-day the Fiftieth Anniversary finds Colonel Walker the only surviving member in Calgary of the original Managing Board of Fifty years ago.



## OUR MINISTER'S MESSAGE.



REV. GEO. A. DICKSON D.D.

*Fifty years ago when young Angus Robertson started a tiny church in the little prairie town of Calgary, had he any idea of the big venture he was putting his hand to, or of the Knox that was to be? Or did he find in the practical problems before him and the actual immediate difficulties that he faced from day to day, enough to occupy even his youthful energies to the full?*

*Somehow I feel that Angus Robertson was both the practical man and the seer, both the doer and the dreamer, and we like to think that those of us who have come after have been permitted to fulfil to an extent at least the visions of that young preacher and the pioneer workers associated with him. Half a century has come and gone since then. Instead of the original tiny building we have our beautiful cathedral, a poem in stone. Instead of a handful of members in a frontier town, we have an influence reaching out to thousands in this city and this province. Even travellers from other provinces and other lands stop over at our services and pass on to carry perhaps a spark of inspiration to light new fires as they go. And yet, if we ask, "where are the names of the men and women who have made this progress possible?" We can mention at best only a few. The work has been a great mosaic of tiny bits contributed by ordinary folk, both humble and unrecorded, but necessary to the complete whole.*

*How many Sunday School teachers have touched the young life of succeeding generations? How many singers have sung men and women in the Kingdom of Heaven? How many Elders have gathered around the communion table and dispensed to the people the sacred elements? How many ladies have laboured bravely in behalf of Missionary enterprise, or toiled unassumingly at teas and suppers and washed innumerable dishes for Jesus' sake? And let us not forget the managers who have struggled with financial problems that would baffle an economic conference.*

*The remembrance of all these contributions make me feel humble and at the same time very proud of the honour of being Minister of Knox on this Golden Anniversary. My feelings are like those of the sea captain in one of Conrad's stories who as he seated himself for the first time in the captain's arm chair, thought of all the men who had occupied that chair before him, and who had guided the ship through turbulent waters safely to port. The remembrance of their devotion to duty gave him courage to carry on in the old tradition and he determined to leave a record that would be an inspiration to those who might come after him.*

*It is a solemn thought that my ministry too will some day become history like that of those who have gone before. My prayer is that I may be found not unworthy of being the servant of the Master of us all who "went about doing good."*

## THE WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Mr. Geo. E. Fairbourn

*In April, 1884, a Union Sunday School was organized in the Methodist Church, corner of 7th Avenue and 1st Street East, with the late Hon. J. A. Lougheed as Superintendent, and the late Mr. Alex. Allan as Assistant.*

*Early in 1885 the Presbyterian teachers and officers organized a school in their own church, with Mr. Allan as Superintendent, the enrolment being twenty-four scholars and four teachers. Mr. Allan used to enjoy telling the scholars in our present church that—frequently during their sessions—the horses that were pasturing would put their heads through the open windows of the church.*

*In October, 1913—the fall that we moved into this church—there was an average attendance of 256. During the year 1932 the average attendance was 486. In 1913, Messrs. R. B. Hood and F. G. Garbutt were joint Superintendents. They resigned at the end of that year, when Messrs. A. H. Carr and G. E. Fairbourn were elected to succeed them. Messrs. J. P. Ferguson, J. H. Hay, W. E. Hay, and E. Scruton have also held the position of Superintendent since this church was opened.*

*Mr. G. E. Fairbourn, the present Superintendent, joined the teaching staff in 1904, and has held the position of Superintendent for over fourteen years.*

## THE CHOIR'S MESSAGE

By Mr. Clifford Higgin

*A list of the various Directors of Music who have served the Church during the last fifty years, with the success attending their labors, would have been interesting and of chronological value, but the limited space in this booklet makes that an impossibility.*

*The duty of a choir is to lead the congregation in songs of praise, but it must also prepare spiritual messages written in anthem form, and interpret such musical works in a soulful and impressive spirit, that the worshippers will realize the presence of the Great Unseen Guest. The power of music in the temple of God was recognized in the days of the psalmists, and with its finer development through the ages, it is to-day a very important factor in the worship of the Most High.*

*The outstanding musical achievements of Knox Choir are known, not only throughout the Province of Alberta, but all over Canada. It has been vitally instrumental in raising the standard of choral singing in the West, and to the its loyalty, sacrifice, and faithfulness I unhesitatingly pay tribute.*

## A LETTER FROM THE SESSION

By Mr. Kenneth J. Morrison, Clerk.

*Fifty years of growth in the life of an organization is only worthy of mention if the development has been beneficial to mankind. The passing of time is something over which we have no control, but the value of our contribution to the great work of the Master is of our own making.*

*Quite recently we read of a couple celebrating their golden wedding anniversary and the outstanding event of that day was their attendance at the church in which they were married to offer thanks to God for His gracious blessings throughout their fifty years together.*

*Our congregation has been abundantly blessed. We can do nothing greater, and we should do nothing less, than to offer holy thanks by word and deed to our Creator.*

## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGER'S

By Mr. R. Donaldson

*This year we have reached the half century mark in the activities of our Church and congregation, and as the responsibilities of the Board consist primarily with the income and disbursements, a few of the outstanding accomplishments may be of interest to all concerned.*

*When the present Knox Church was dedicated, twenty years ago, the debt was \$184,610.10, increasing until it reached the peak in 1917 to \$210,453.65.*

*The late Dr. Macartney Wilson was inducted in 1917, and during his ministry the capital debt was considerably reduced.*

*When our present pastor, Dr. George A. Dickson was inducted in 1924, the debt was \$165,292.99.*

*Then followed the 1927 Debt Reduction Campaign, resulting in an income of \$54,095.62, leaving the capital debt at \$76,592.27. To-day our capital debt is \$72,300.00.*

*The Committee deeply appreciate the co-operation of all departments of the Church particularly to the heroic financial efforts of the Ladies' Aid, who recently assumed the obligations of the Manse mortgage, and to our pastor, Dr. George A. Dickson.*

## THE HONOR ROLL

*Realizing that fifty years is a long period of time in the life of a church, particularly in this Western country, it was felt that not only should there be suitable Jubilee Anniversary Services, but that there should be some historic record prepared that could be filed away in the archives of the Church for reference of future posterity. It has been decided, therefore, to prepare a Fiftieth Anniversary Honor Roll. On this historic Honor Roll will be enscribed the names of all Knox members, adherents and friends attending the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Church in the year 1933. Envelopes are supplied on which you are asked to record your name. The names passed in on these envelopes will be duly entered on the Fiftieth Anniversary Honor Roll of the Church.*

*Please co-operate by placing these envelopes on the collection plates.*

## THE ANNIVERSARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

*The Anniversary contributions will be used to reduce the Church debt. It is to be a free-will offering—you will not be individually canvassed for this Anniversary contribution, we are simply asking our people to contribute of their own free will and accord, as God has prospered them, and we confidently believe all will do their part.*

*The names on the envelopes supplied are to be entered on the Honor Roll and no matter whether you can enclose a substantial contribution, a smaller contribution or none at all, please record your name on the envelope for the historic record and extend your cordial good wishes.*

*Only once in a lifetime is one privileged to attend a Golden Jubilee Anniversary of our Church. You are urged to come early, as it is anticipated that the capacity of the Church will not accommodate the people who will wish to attend.*

## NAMES OF SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE.

*Honorary Chairman, Rev. George A. Dickson, D.D.*

*Chairman, H. T. Whittemore*

*Vice-Chairman, R. J. Hutchings*

*Secretary, D. B. Robertson*

*Mrs. E. T. Curliss*

*Mrs. W. E. Hall*

*G. E. Fairbourn*

*Clifford Higgin*

*N. M. Jackson*

*A. F. Little*

*R. G. Lewin*

*H. B. Macdonald*

*E. Teagle*



## A LETTER FROM THE LADIES' AID

By Mrs. W. E. Hall

*The Ladies' Aid, actively incorporated in the body of the Church from its earliest days, feels a deep gratification in the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of Knox (now United) Church.*

*Members of the Ladies' Aid, down through the years, have participated, whole-heartedly, in its remarkable development. The Church house-keepers, they have assisted in promoting its social life and in purchasing its equipment, courageously facing and solving many a financial problem in so doing.*

*Not alone the material, but also the spiritual side has enlisted their efforts. An interesting record at the beginning of this century states that the Ladies' Aid organized a Home Missionary Group, when the influx of foreign-born, to Calgary, was so great.*

*Following are the names of those who have been privileged to serve as Presidents of the Aid:*

*Mrs. J. D. Lafferty\*, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mrs. J. G. Monilaws, Mrs. J. Clark, Mrs. C. A. Grierson, Mrs. A. Allen, Mrs. J. A. Findlay\*, Mrs. A. M. Terrill, Mrs. M. Pardec\*, Mrs. C. A. Stuart, Mrs. D. McCutcheon, Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, Mrs. Eva Cooper Dodds\*, Mrs. R. J. Hutchings, Mrs. J. T. Burns, Mrs. G. P. Ovans, Mrs. A. McTeer, Mrs. A. W. Park, Mrs. A. F. Landels, Mrs. W. E. Hall.*

*\* Pioneer workers, deceased.*

*To the Minister, the Officials and Members of Knox United Church, the Ladies' Aid—the Marthas, busy with much serving—extend sincerest congratulations on this Golden Anniversary—the culmination of half a century of endeavour and achievement.*

## A LETTER FROM THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Mrs. J. Farquharson

*In 1897, Dr. Margaret McKellar told Knox Church women about her work in India. They caught her enthusiasm for Christianizing India's womanhood and organized a society. Mrs. Hugh Neilson was appointed president, and retained the office many years. Mrs. Carson followed Mrs. Neilson, serving one year. Mrs. J. C. McNeil came next. After several years' service, Miss Wilson succeeded, and remained in office during her brother's pastorate. Mrs. Rowe followed Miss Wilson, and was president until her removal from Calgary. Mrs. W. L. Carlyle and Mrs. Herdman held office for a year or two.*

*When the W. H. M. S. was organized, Miss Foote was elected president. In time, the two societies united, and Mrs. J. J. Hall was succeeded by Mrs. J. Farquharson, a new arrival in the City. Mrs. Farquharson served four years, and was succeeded by Mrs. J. D. Wilson. After one year's service, Mrs. Wilson was followed by Mrs. E. T. Curliss, who is now in office.*

## THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH—3.00 p.m. Anniversary Tea  
under the auspices of W.M.S.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH—Golden Anniversary Services—

11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Rev. J. A. Clarke, M.C., Knox Church, Winnipeg.

3.00 p.m., Sunday School and Junior Congregation  
Anniversary and Rally Service in Church Auditorium.

MONDAY, OCT. 16TH—8.00 p.m., Anniversary Choir Concert.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22ND—Golden Anniversary Services.

11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. George A. Dickson, D.D.

MONDAY, OCT. 23RD—8.15 p.m. Platform Meeting.

Speakers: Lieutenant-Governor Walsh

Rev. J. McNeill

Rev. J. E. Todd

Rev. F. W. Pattison

Very Rev. Dean H. R. Ragg

Rev. G. A. Dickson, D.D.

9.30 Social Hour under the Direction of Ladies' Aid Society.

## VOLUNTEER WORKERS

In completing my task of collecting the data for this Golden Anniversary Magazine, might I be permitted to express, on behalf of Knox congregation, our sincere appreciation to the volunteer workers of the Church.

To Mr. Geo. Fairbourn and his teachers and officers for their untiring efforts in the work of the Sunday School and among the young people.

To Mr. Louis Petrie, who has been so faithful year in and year out, and his organization of ushers who extend a cordial welcome to Church worshippers.

To Mr. H. B. Macdonald, our Church Treasurer, who has given unstintingly of his time and ability performing efficiently a task so vital to the Church interest.

To Mr. A. Low whose visitation to the sick and needy has made him so beloved by all.

To Mr. Jas. Linton, our highly respected elder, who has sat under every Minister of Knox Church and who has continually occupied the position of Treasurer of the M. & M. Fund.

To the Ladies' of the Aid and Missionary Society who have been quietly going about doing good.

To these and all other volunteer workers we owe a deep debt of gratitude, and we trust they will be richly blessed in the performance of their respective tasks, for the Master.

No church can adequately function without volunteer workers, and Knox Church is particularly fortunate in having such a large representation of conscientious volunteer workers loyally supporting the leadership of our esteemed Minister, Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Dickson.

The sincere thanks of the congregation is extended to all volunteer workers on this, our Golden Anniversary.

A. Fraser Little,

Chairman, Anniversary Magazine Committee.



